

## REMARKS

Claims 1 - 16 were filed in the original application.

Claims 15 and 16 have been deleted and replaced with claims 17 - 27 to remove multiple dependencies.

Accordingly, Claims 1- 14 and 17-27 are currently pending in the application.

The application is thus believed to be in proper form for favorable examination on the merits.

Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

PTO is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our account #02-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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